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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

Re: Petition to Require BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. to Appear and Show Cause that Certain Sections of its General Subscriber Services Tariff and Private Line Services Tariff Do Not Violate Current State and Federal Law, with (Proposed) Order to Show Cause

Docket No. 00-00170

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Recently, BellSouth and the Staff members who signed the Petition met to explore the possibility of resolving some or all of the issues addressed in the Petition. Further discussions are expected in the near future.

In light of these discussion, BellSouth respectfully requests: (1) an extension of the date for filing a response to the Petition until Monday, April 24, 2000 at 2:00 p.m.; and (2) that the Petition not be placed on an agenda prior to April 24, 2000. BellSouth has conveyed these requests to Mr. Hotvedt on behalf of the Staff members who signed the Petition, and BellSouth understands from Mr. Hotvedt that there is no objection to these requests.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Guv M. Hicks

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